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The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., October 13th via Zoom Conferencing



DELDOT ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE ON Rt. 9

Beginning October 2nd, October 18th Rt. 9 will be closed south of New Castle between Grantham Lane and Hamburg Road for bridge repairs. Check the City website and Facebook page for updates; www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov.

Help STOP Recycling Contamination



The City of New Castle has received notice from DSWA and its partners that beginning in mid-September the City is at risk of being fined for recycle loads that contain excessive contamination. We need your help to insure we are only putting approved items that can be recycled into the carts.

What DSWA is finding in the loads is bagged material, food waste, yard waste and other non-allowed materials. Having non-recyclable items in your bin may cause your recycle to not be picked up. For a booklet on what to recycle go to www.newcastlecity.delaware.gov/public-works and click on the "How To Recycle."

Single use plastic bags and plastic film are not recyclable in your bin; they can be returned to retail stores.

How to Avoid Recycling Contamination

1. Never place garbage, food waste or yard waste in recycle bin.
2. Never bag recycling; place items loose in the bin.
3. No shredded paper or used paper products such as paper plates, paper towels or pizza boxes.
4. No Styrofoam, or frozen food/refrigerated containers, (coated paper.)
5. Only recycle clean and empty glass bottles and jars, No mirrors or window glass.
6. No plastic bags or plastic film in the recycling bin; return to retail store, or library for recycle.
7. No scrap metal or "tanglers" such as strings of lights, garden hose or rope.
8. Contact DSWA (1-800-404-7080) to find out where to properly recycle items like batteries, electronics, and shredded paper.

September & October Events

Friday, Sept. 25th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fourth Friday Art Loop. Sip and snack and enjoy special events in New Castle's Downtown District.

RIVER TOWNS Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 3rd
Rivertown Ride & Festival:
The eighth annual River Towns Ride & Festival is being converted into a recreational ride-only event for 2020 due to Covid-19. Riders will visit the historic riverfronts of New Castle, Delaware City and Wilmington, earning medals based on distance completed. This year's ride will be held Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 9am. Go to www.rivertownsfestival.com to sign up, and for more information.



Hauntings in History Walking Tours: Fri. & Sat. nights in October 9th - 30th at 7, 8:00, & 9:00 p.m. Ticketing information will be

forthcoming. Call 302-322-2794 or go online to www.newcastlehistory.org.

Friday, Oct. 16th - 1 p.m. Celebrating Caesar Rodney's Birthday. Speaker Bob Vander Decker will host a webinar. The link for Webinar is on the Courthouse Museum Facebook page or website: www.history.delaware.gov/ncch.

Saturday, Oct. 24th - 10 a.m. William Penn Day
New Castle Court House Museum. Celebrating the 338th anniversary of William Penn's landing in New Castle. Virtual activities. Call the Courthouse for more information; 302-323-4453.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!



**The City of New Castle
Announces
New Home Repair
Assistance Program**



This new program is funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, and administered by the City of New Castle. Residents of the City can get help with roof and sidewalk repairs thanks to the new program.

Qualification for receipt of funds:

- **Qualified properties must be owner occupied.**
- **At least one owner must be 65 years of age and older, or permanently disabled.**
- **Income limits: No more than \$15,000 / year of income for a single occupant - \$30,000 for a married couple - Does not include Social Security income.**

Maximum funding amount \$2,500 / property. Call the City Office for details, 302-322-9801.

New Castle News

“Historic New Castle” Postal Designation: The City of New Castle announced that, through an agreement with the United States Postal Service, city residents may now begin using “Historic New Castle” as their mailing address.

The city has been concerned for some time about the confusion in the public’s mind between the city and the New Castle 19720 ZIP Code. Incidents in the 62,000 resident ZIP Code area are invariably reported by the State Police as happening ‘in New Castle’ (population 5,200). This means that many more criminal incidents are reported as happening in New Castle than there should be. There were 42 such incidents in a one year period.

The city appealed to the USPS for a new ZIP Code, but was told that operational issues make that impossible. The USPS offered instead the use of an alternate name. City Council agreed and has chosen the name “Historic New Castle.” Council hopes that this change will help make a distinction in all types of statistics, while it continues to address the issue of police reporting. This change should also help reduce confusion

GET A \$60 REWARD BEFORE IT COOLS OFF



Introducing Appliance Recycling Rewards

Schedule a free pick up by October 31, and Efficiency Smart will pay you ~~\$50~~ \$60 for responsibly recycling your appliance.

Eligible appliances:

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| Refrigerator | Dehumidifier |
| Freezer | Room Air Conditioner |



Schedule your free pick up today!

Go to: www.energysmart.org/new-castle-delaware and select "Appliance Recycling Rewards" or call 888-997-9106.

among some local residents regarding whether they live in the city or not. This has been a particular problem in terms of elections and government services.

The name “Historic New Castle” is already widely used and recognized. It underlines New Castle’s status as Delaware’s oldest city, incorporated in 1672.

It is important to note that the new address applies only within the boundaries of the city and that use of the address is totally optional. Residents who wish to can continue to use “New Castle.”

For further information, please contact Councilman Russell Smith at 302-322-9801.



It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census.

Answering a few simple questions will impact our state and city for the next 10 years.

You can still fill out and send back the forms you were sent in March, or complete the form at www.2020census.gov. You can also complete the census by calling 1-844-330-2020.